





Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET September 15 – September 21, 2011

Haiti has received below-average rainfall during the past week.



During the past week, the Ouest and Centre departments of Haiti have received moderate (30-40mm) rains, while little to no (< 20mm) rainfall was observed elsewhere. The uneven distribution of rainfall during the past three weeks has resulted in expanding rainfall deficits, with negative anomalies ranging between 20 and 100mm over the Artibonite and southern departments of Haiti during the past thirty days. However, well above-average rains that were received during July had provided sufficient ground moisture across much of the country except local areas in the North West and South. As for the upcoming week, rainfall forecasts suggest a continuation of reduced rainfall, with moderate (30-40mm) rains across Haiti. Localized heavy (> 50mm) rains are, however, expected in the Ouest, Sud Est, and Grand Anse departments during the next week. While still in the hurricane season, the continued erratic distribution of rainfall raises concerns for cropping activities in many local areas of Haiti.